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Serial No.:	10/680,396	Confirmation No.:	5974
Filed:	10-07-2003	Art Unit:	1731
Customer No.:	000038731	Examiner:	Hoffmann, John M.
Title:	DOUBLE-CLAD OPTICAL FIBER FOR LASERS AND AMPLIFIERS		

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, the date for response to which is extended by three months to November 6, 2006 (November 5 falling on a Sunday) by the accompanying Request for Three Month Extension of Time included below, Applicants file electronically this Response and Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of paragraphs which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.